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Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003,

Recalling its decision 2004/48 of 22 July 2004,

Noting the offer of Brazil to host the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development in 2006,

Reiterating that the eradication of rural poverty and hunger is crucial for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and that rural development should be pursued through an integrated approach that encompasses economic, social and environmental dimensions, takes into account a gender perspective and consists of mutually reinforcing policies and programmes, which should be balanced, targeted, situation-specific, locally owned, should include local synergies and initiatives and should be responsive to the needs of rural populations,

Having considered progress or the lack thereof in the implementation of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003 at its substantive session of 2005,

Decides to consider, at its regular organizational session in February 2006, the proposal to include a discussion on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development at a future substantive session of the Council.

[1] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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